

worldwide. The number of drugs available to treat different types of cancer has steadily increased over the years thanks to some of these physicians. Today more than two-thirds of patients with cancer are alive five years after their diagnosis. This is a true testament to the groundbreaking research and diligent work of so many in this field.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the American Society of Clinical Oncology for their leadership in the fight against cancer. It is my sincere hope that this and other research avenues will lead to new discoveries to better detect cancer and save lives.

#### RECOGNIZING THE U.S. COAST GUARD'S 9TH ANNUAL CHANNEL ISLANDS HARBOR SAFE BOATING EXPO

##### HON. JULIA BROWNLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 2014

Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in recognition of the U.S. Coast Guard's 9th Annual Channel Islands Harbor Safe Boating Expo, which recognizes May 17 through 23, 2014 as National Safe Boating Week. The event also marks the start of the year-round effort to promote safe boating.

With an average of 700 people dying each year in a boating-related accident, approximately 71% of these fatalities are caused by drowning. The vast majority of these accidents are caused by human error and/or poor judgment, not by faulty equipment or environmental factors. It is known that a significant number of boaters who lose their lives by drowning each year would be alive today had they worn their life jackets. It is crucial that the public stay educated about boating safety and the ways in which they can protect themselves and others.

At the Channel Island Harbor Safe Boating Expo, attendees will be able to watch offshore helicopter and fire rescue demonstrations, as well as flare inspection and disposal services, vessel safety exams and other hands-on exhibits. The event will also be attended by the American Red Cross, the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Channel Islands Harbor Patrol, Oxnard Police/Fire Dive Team, the Channel Islands National Park, Ventura County Sheriff Rescue, Ventura County Fire Department, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Service, Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary and Ventura Sail and Power Squadron. These attendees represent the collaborative efforts and partnerships that we have in Ventura County.

This important and engaging community event is hosted by the United States Coast Guard Station Channel Islands Harbor, a multi-mission unit that conducts Search and Rescue, Homeland Security, Maritime Law Enforcement, Counter Drug & Alien Migrant Interdiction Operations, Marine Environmental Protection and Boating Safety from Point Dume, CA, to Point Conception, CA, and out 50 nautical miles. Their area of responsibility also includes the gorgeous Channel Islands in Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties. The station is also homeport to the 87-foot Patrol boat USCGC *Blacktip* and ESD Detachment Oxnard.

I want to congratulate the U.S. Coast Guard on their ongoing efforts to educate our community about recreational water safety and join them in supporting the campaign efforts of National Safe Boating Week.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF DAVID J. WENZEL, RECIPIENT OF THE 2014 AMOS LODGE AMERICANISM AWARD

##### HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 2014

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in recognition of David J. Wenzel, recipient of the 2014 Amos Lodge Americanism Award. This honor recognizes a lifetime of outstanding community service best exemplifying the American spirit. A native of Scranton, he proudly served as Scranton's 27th mayor from 1986 to 1990, and has supported many public, civic, and charitable causes both before and after his distinguished term.

A trained Army officer, David Wenzel served in Vietnam as a First Lieutenant, commanding the mortar platoon of A Company of the American Division. While leading his men in occupying an area near the battalion fire base, he stepped on a land mine and was almost killed. The explosion took both his legs and caused other serious injuries, but Wenzel survived. Upon his return home, he underwent four major operations and an intense rehabilitation, but walked out of the Valley Forge Army Hospital on two prosthetic legs. He received a Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, the South Vietnam Medal, and the Combat Infantryman's Badge in recognition of his outstanding service and sacrifice for his country.

As Mayor of Scranton, Wenzel oversaw an active administration that accomplished a great deal during a period of renaissance and progress for the city. During his term, Scranton began to implement plans for the Mall at Steamtown and established flood control projects to aid in the recovery from Hurricane Gloria. He emphasized full cooperation with the city's growing neighborhood associations and made the city a leader in access for the disabled. Under his leadership, Scranton earned the moniker "Tree City" for the city's commitment to plant thousands of trees in an urban environment. Throughout his term, David embodied honesty, integrity, and co-operation in working with the city council to serve the people of Scranton.

After his term as Mayor, David Wenzel continued serving his community at the Schemel Forum at the University of Scranton, where he still teaches today, and as an advisor to many veterans associations. He has served on the Boards of the United Way, Allied Services, Mayor's Prayer Service, Scranton/Pocono Girl Scout Council, Deutsch Institute, American Legion, and the University of Scranton's Board of Regents. Wenzel was also named the Disabled Veteran of the Year in Pennsylvania and the National Disabled Veteran of the Year.

I am proud to congratulate David Wenzel on this award recognizing his voluminous service to his country and the city of Scranton. His record of serving others embodies the ideals of our country, and he is a role model for all Americans to emulate.

#### CONGRATULATING ADAMS COUNTY HEALTH AND WELLNESS COALITION

##### HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 2014

Mr. WENSTRUP. Mr. Speaker, congratulations to Adams County for being awarded the Healthy Ohio Healthy Community GOLD award from the Ohio Department of Health!

As a physician, I know the importance of preventative care and the impact of lifestyle choices in creating healthy communities. The leaders in Adams County are to be commended for their efforts.

As we empower residents and families to make healthier choices, we all thrive as a community. Promoting healthy options at home and in the workplace is a positive mission for everyone.

Specifically, the Adams Brown Creating Healthy Communities Program and the Adams County Health & Wellness Coalition deserve recognition. These programs, in collaboration with the Adams County Regional Medical Center Diabetes team, Adams County Court of Common Pleas, and local employers like General Electric, have made effective progress in working towards a healthy and effective workforce and county.

I am excited to watch Adams County's continued success and thank their leaders for working to improve the well-being of all their residents.

#### RECOGNIZING NATIONAL MPS AWARENESS DAY

##### HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 2014

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the National MPS Society for their 40 years of supporting families while searching for cures for this genetic disease. Mucopolysaccharidosis or MPS is a group of genetically determined lysosomal storage diseases that render the human body incapable of producing certain enzymes needed to break down complex carbohydrates. The damage caused by MPS on a cellular level adversely affects the body and damages the heart, respiratory system, bones, internal organs, and central nervous system. MPS often results in intellectual disabilities, short stature, corneal damage, joint stiffness, loss of mobility, speech and hearing impairment, heart disease, hyperactivity, chronic respiratory problems, and, most importantly, a drastically shortened life span. Symptoms of MPS are usually not apparent at birth and without treatment; the life expectancy of an individual affected begins to decrease at a very early stage in their life. Research towards combating MPS has resulted in the development of limited treatments for some of the MPS diseases.

I ask my colleagues and their staff to join me in recognizing May 15, 2014 as National MPS Awareness Day. This is an important time during which the MPS disease community will help increase the awareness of this